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8	BEFORE THE BOARD OF REGISTERED NURSING
9	DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS STATE OF CALIFORNIA
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11	In the Matter of the Accusation Against: Case No. 2011-520
12	MARY ELIZABETH KIEFFER 1377 Glenoaks Blvd., Apt. #305
13	Glendale, CA 91201 A C C U S A T I O N Registered Nurse License No. 213183
14	Respondent.
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17	Complainant alleges:
18	PARTIES
19	1. Louise R. Bailey, M.Ed., RN ("Complainant") brings this Accusation solely in her
20	official capacity as the Executive Officer of the Board of Registered Nursing, Department of
21	Consumer Affairs.
22	2. On or about February 28, 1971, the Board of Registered Nursing issued Registered
23	Nurse License Number 213183 to Mary Elizabeth Kieffer ("Respondent"). The Registered Nurse
24	License was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will
25	expire on February 28, 2011, unless renewed.
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JURISDICTION

- 3. This Accusation is brought before the Board of Registered Nursing ("Board"), Department of Consumer Affairs, under the authority of the following laws. All section references are to the Business and Professions Code ("Code") unless otherwise indicated.
- 4. Section 2750 of the Code provides, in pertinent part, that the Board may discipline any licensee, including a licensee holding a temporary or an inactive license, for any reason provided in Article 3 (commencing with Code section 2750) of the Nursing Practice Act.

STATUTORY PROVISIONS

- 5. Section 118, subdivision (b) of the Code provides, in pertinent part:
- "(b) The suspension, expiration, or forfeiture by operation of law of a license issued by a board in the department, or its suspension, forfeiture, or cancellation by order of the board or by order of a court of law, or its surrender without the written consent of the board, shall not, during any period in which it may be renewed, restored, reissued, or reinstated, deprive the board of its authority to institute or continue a disciplinary proceeding against the licensee upon any ground provided by law or to enter an order suspending or revoking the license or otherwise taking disciplinary action against the licensee on any such ground."
- 6. Section 2764 of the Code provides, in pertinent part, that the expiration of a license shall not deprive the Board of jurisdiction to proceed with a disciplinary proceeding against the licensee or to render a decision imposing discipline on the license.
 - 7. Section 2761 of the Code provides, in pertinent part:

"The board may take disciplinary action against a certified or licensed nurse or deny an application for a certificate or license for any of the following:

- (a) Unprofessional conduct, which includes, but is not limited to, the following:
- (4) Denial of licensure, revocation, suspension, restriction, or any other disciplinary action against a health care professional license or certificate by another state or territory of the United States, by any other government agency, or by another California health care professional licensing board. A certified copy of the decision or judgment shall be conclusive evidence of that action..."

COST RECOVERY

8. Section 125.3 of the Code provides, in pertinent part, that the Board may request the administrative law judge to direct a licentiate found to have committed a violation or violations of

the licensing act to pay a sum not to exceed the reasonable costs of the investigation and enforcement of the case.

FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Disciplinary Action by the Texas State Board of Nursing)

- 9. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under Code section 2761, subdivision (a)(4), on the grounds of unprofessional conduct in that Respondent was disciplined by the Board of Nurse Examiners for the State of Texas ("Texas Board").
- 10. On or about May 18, 2005, pursuant to the Agreed Order adopted by the Texas Board, in the disciplinary action entitled *In the Matter of Registered Nurse License Number* 686232 issued to Mary Elizabeth Kieffer, the Texas Board having received sufficient evidence to take disciplinary action against Respondent's professional nursing license, accepted the voluntary surrender of said license.

SECOND CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Unprofessional Conduct)

Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under Code section 2761, subdivision (a), in that Respondent committed acts of unprofessional conduct. The conduct is more particularly described in paragraph 10 above, and herein incorporated by reference.

PRAYER

WHEREFORE, Complainant requests that a hearing be held on the matters herein alleged, and that following the hearing, the Board of Registered Nursing issue a decision:

- 1. Revoking or suspending Registered Nurse License Number 213183, issued to Mary Elizabeth Kieffer;
- 2. Ordering Mary Elizabeth Kieffer to pay the Board of Registered Nursing the reasonable costs of the investigation and enforcement of this case, pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 125.3;
 - 3. Taking such other and further action as deemed necessary and proper.

1 2 3 4 5	DATED: December 13, 2010 LOUISE R. BAILEY, M.ED., RN Executive Officer Board of Registered Nursing Department of Consumer Affairs State of California Complainant
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